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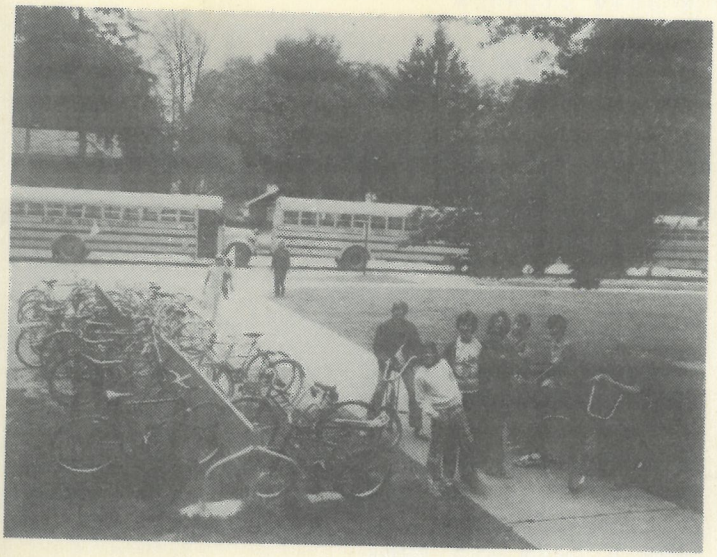

Tomorrow a dozen buses will take students home for the summer.

TOMORROW'S THE END!

The final day of school, 1975-76, is tomorrow. Exams will be given in each class and books will be collected. For the present eighth graders, tomorrow is also their last day in the Middle School. Good luck to them at the high school, and to those seventh and sixth graders returning, well, we'll see you in fall. Have a good summer.

the staff of G.T.

FINAL DANCE MAY 7th

The last dance of the school year was held May 7th in the Middle School gym from 7:30- 10:00. The band that played was called the "Runts". They played many of the top hits of the day. There were also records played.

The dance was well-attended. Refreshments were served. Much work was done by the dance committee. Mrs. Dykema sponsored the dance and she, Mr. Maples, and M

by SB

A DAY FOR REMEMBERING

Memorial Day. What does it mean? It is a salute to the soldiers who fought in the past wars. We salute them because of how hard they fought .

by C.E.

TRACK AND FIELD DAYS HELD

The annual Track and Field Day was held June 3, Thursday, from 12:30 to 2:30 for eighth graders, Wednesday, June 2, for seventh grad events, and Tuesday, June 1, for sixth grade events.

The events were the 50 yard dash, the 100 yard dash, the 440 relay, shot-put, softball throw for girls, and the 220 relay for girls. (The latter was tentative as we went to press.)

Mrs. Mahanty, Mr. Kannegieter, and Mr, Martin are combining to sponsor the event this year.

byD.N.

WALKATHON SUCCESS

The March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon took place May 22, beginning at the St. Julian Winery going to Lawton and then returning to Paw Paw. To enter, you needed a sponsor. The sponsors would pay so much money for every mile thestudent walker walked. The money in turn would be given to the March of Dimes to help the fight against birth defects.

It was a long trek for the enthusiastic walkers. Many got sunburns as souvenirs. But it was all for a good cause.

by D.A. & J.H.

200 YEARS AGO today at the Middle School ... and that's the way it was, folks!

Doug's Corner...

Dear Students:

Well, it looks like the end of another fantastic year. We've had lots of fun, like dances, field trips, concerts, and a school play. We leave, we eighth graders , looking forward to high school and yet knowing we'll miss the fun of this year. So, to the people taking over the newspaper committee, have fun. We have had a lot of fun ourselves. It's your year next, seventh graders. Farewell.

Doug Nagy, editor

Faculty Spotlight

Name: Larry Edinger
What do you teach? U.S. History
How long have you been teaching? 9 years
Married? yes
Any children? one boy,Benjamin, 11 months old.
Favorite color? orange
Favorite music? Broadway show tunes
Favorite animal? labrador retriever
Favorite magazine? Sports Afield
Favorite food? shrimp and french fries
Favorite movie? Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
What are your hobbies? reading, hunting, fishing

by L.K.

Ads ... Wanted ...

ADS.

Wanted: A "Hercules Unbound", number 4, put out by D.C. Willing to pay 60¢. Leave message in room 103. Mike Marcelletti.

Kittens: See Steve Makowski.

Do You Believe It?

Here are some really weird things that you'll never forget.

1. Executioners of medieval Germany received a license to practice medicine after chopping off 100 heads. Moreover they became specialists in throat ailments.

2. Frank Tower bore a charmed life. He swam away from the Titanic in 1912, The Empress of Ireland in 1914, and the Lusitania in 1915.

from Ripley's Believe it or Not Ghost Stories and plays

I love -

by Dona Westphal

I love flowers
I love ducks
I love puppies
And I love you too.

I love blue jeans and teen magazines
I love the snow
I love swimming
And I love you too.

I love scarey shows
I love sad movies
I love summer suns
And I love you too.

I love long trips
I love to go to school
I love cartoons
And I love you too.

I love to read
I love to sleep
I love to sing anddance
And I love you too.

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I gotta be Me -

by Dona Westphal

I gotta be Me not someone else
I gotta do and say things that are Me
I gotta be nice all the time cause
That's what people want but not Me.

I can't be what they
Want- I gotta be me.
You gotta be you and
I gotta be me right?

You're everything I want to be
But I gotta be Me not you.
You're real pretty,
I'm just plain pretty.

I gotta do stuff that I like
Ican't be someone else
I can't be what they want me to be
I just gotta be Me and that's all!

8th grade - VIEW POINTS

As part of the 8th grade special section this issue, each eighth grader was asked the following three questions: What will you miss most when you leave the Middle School?, What advice would you give 6th and 7th graders? and What sort of things would you bequeath, or leave to whom as part of a "last will and testament"?

Most of all, we'll miss...

In answer to the first question, "what will you miss most?", the answers were varied.

Ingrid Danger will "miss the people running up and down the halls."

Tim Kowalski will "miss Mrs. Howard and her music class."

Matt Forslund thinks he'll miss "the fire drills, lunch, assemblies, and anything else that will get us out of school work."

Roberta Underwood will miss "Mr. Topp and all the fun we had."

Laurie Crane will miss" the cutest vice president any president could work with."

Jane Hysell said "nothing much because it's people that make a school, but I'll miss the people like the teachers and the 6th and 7th graders."

Mike Rix said "it isn't the food," that he will miss.

Steve Mangold's reply was "The basketball court."

Mike Ritsema will miss "most of the teachers and being the oldest in the school."

Susan Bilger will miss "lunch".(High school students don't eat maybe?)

Doug Cyrus will miss "certain classes like gym and gym teachers, music and music teachers. Also he'll miss the way the schedule and grade system is made up."

Jill Kowalski said "I'll miss the closeness and warmness of all the teachers, kids, and the atmosphere."

Mark Sherburn will "miss my pet termite that lives in a desk in music and the water moccasin living in the restroom."

Mark Buckingham will miss "nothing."

Steve Rasmussen thinks he'll miss "Mr. Snyder, the 'Confucious' of the Middle School."

Scott Poole worries he'll miss "running down the halls tripping everybody he sees."

Taray Pachner will miss "getting a hard time from Mr. Cassell when I'm two minutes early and he says I'm late."

Joel Pyard will miss "Mr. Barnes. He's the best teacher I've ever known; besides, he's a fellow 'Trekie'."

Steve La Rue said "I'll miss music. They don't have musicin the high school, and especially the music teacher, Mrs. Howard.

Pat Doyle will miss" the food-ha, ha_- and the teachers."

Tony South will miss "the brown drinking water."

Blanche Brown said she'll miss "my teachers but most of all, Mr. Topp, Mrs. Chavoya, and Ms. Ruggles."

Linda Krajewski "will miss reading the gossip on the bathroom walls and I will miss working on the newspaper staff."

Deanne Devantier thinks she'll miss "most of all, the 7th graders, being the oldest in school, and my messy locker."

Peggy Frimand will miss" 7th grade boys who are cute. I will also miss seeing my nice and sweet teachers."

Natalie Phillips will miss "shop class and Mr. Snyder."

Jim Breitenbach is sure to "miss the bathroom mirror that so visited ."

Lynn Peters will miss "Mr. Martin and shop."

Dan Lanphear will miss "the clinky radiator drummers, the old lockers, and the daily gym locker room floods."

Doug Nagy will miss "gym class. I really love gym class because you can move around and do anything you want to. I'll also miss the newspaper staff."

Flop Barker will miss" Mr. Barnes' corny jokes, Mr. Edinger's exciting films, hearing Mrs. Howard's piano playing while doing homework, and the real exciting, fantastic, interesting advisor groups."

Rick Shumar said he'll miss "the drinkin fountains that don't work, the lockers that break , and the cockroaches that are sitting in the corners."(Rick has a vivid imagination.)

Tom Mayne will miss " Mr. Topp's famous " quiet or you'll be outside looking in!"

Steve Makowski will miss "Mrs. Howard and her beautiful music, and all the clocks that are five minutes different."

Irma Romo said it was not "what but who. I'll miss Mrs. Mahanty, Mrs. Howard, Ms. Ruggles, Ms. Lundquist, and Mrs. Dykema.

What I'll miss most- continued.

Brenda Strefling will miss "going up the stairs three times a day."
Kim Barker will miss" all my friends in 6th and 7th grade and I will miss all the nice teachers."
Ron Gipson will miss "goofing around with Mr. Topp and being in the highest grade."
Susie Zdzinicki will miss "my teachers, 4th, 5th and 6th hours, most of all. I'll miss the younger kids and the school itself."
Dave Mathews will miss "my locker and gym."
Judie Nondorf will miss "having fun in reading."

8th GRADE ADVICE

In the second category, "What advice would you give to 6th and 7th graders?", these were some of the answers.

Sheila Manuel said "drop out now while you have a chance."
Steve Rasmussen advises"listen to Mr. Snyder. If he gives you any advice, it would be a safe bet it will help."
Scott Richmond said" hang in there, kiddo. If the food doesn't get you, the teacher will!"
Craig Gothard said "do homework and don't fool around in Mr. Ruggles' class,"
Dona Westphal advises" Do all there is to do as homework and don't get behind Also, don't get into any fights,"
Marcia Gentry said "do what you have to and do it well. Might as well enjoy yourself- you're stuck here."
Flop Barker warns "don't let Mr. Cassell send you to the janitor for a board stretcher."
Dave Crouse advises "skip 8th grade," while Rhonda Adams said " stay in 6th and 7th grade."
Donna Hunter suggests "try to get on the teacher's good side and don't cause trouble."
Brenda Strefling says " don't get discouraged because it will all be over before you know it. Good luck."
Kathy Carlson suggests "keep your nose in the books and stay on the good side of teachers."
Katharina Kleinschmidt says" work hard."

More Advice ...

Denise Albar says " don't write on the bathroom walls. You can hurt someone's feelings."
Jayne Diljak remarks "keep on rolling, babe."
Ingrid Danger advises "behave or spend some time in the hall."
Steve LaRue suggests that "you keep your heads high (not too high) and don't get down on yourselves. Keep the spirit."
Mike Rix says "drop out. 8th grade is the pits! "
Tena Ross warns "don't pass notes or talk because you'll get caught with these teachers."
Jeff Stevens suggests" move to another city."
Jim Breitenbach says " I wouldn't give advice. They can go through 8th grade with as much advice as I got."
Deanne Devantier says "Seriously, if you get Mr. Topp, remmmber there's a time for work and a time for play. Use each time wisely."
Lori Utter advises "have all the fun here while you can and do all the things you can do in a school with your friends."
Doug Nagy suggests "to the 7th graders, look out! You think you have homework this year- boy, have you got a surprise coming." Doug also adds "join the newspaper staff. It's fun, fun."
Judie Nondorf says "Do your homework and have it in on time. Don't talk in reading."
Cindy Vasquez suggests "stay home."
Calise Kendall states " Watch out for the teachers because they will give you work. I know they are only being teachers though; that's their job. But then. don't listen to me."
John Olsen says "drop out of school."
Bruce Harrison advises " Stay in 6th and 7th grade. "
Wendy Haas says "try to be good students like we were."
Ron Gipson says"don't hassle the teachers until 9th grade."
Shane Perry says "hope that in the summer the old "Red Brick" gaves in.
Wayne Alexander suggests that you "watch out for teachers who are quiet."

"LAST WILLS" - 8th GRADE

There were a variety of answers to the third question, too. Asked to write their "last will and testament" the following are some of the replies.

John Rice leaves "my pencil collection to Ms. Ruggles, and all my old school papers, all A's, to the first fortunate person who can get their hands on them."

Craig Gothard leaves "my three-year-old sweat socks to John Rice, my last dollar to Dave Crouse, and my cargoes to my sister."

Steve Spiech leaves "my books to the lucky person who gets my autograph."

Dona Westphal leaves "my thanks to Mrs. Chavoya, Mr. Topp, and Mrs. Dykema for helping me with all my problems. I leave them all my love."

Susie Zdzinicki leaves her love to "Mrs. Dobbs, Mrs. Howard, and Mrs. Phister and I hope they will never forget me. I won't forget them. They've really shown me a lot. We've joked and I've been corrected. I guess you learn by your mistakes.

Marcia Gentry leaves "to Mrs. Dobbs, my notations of everything she's said, to anyone who will take it, I leave my luck whose inconsistency helps with tardies, and to Mr. Barnes, I leave my father's razor so he can finish what he started."

Irma Romo leaves "all my math papers to anyone who wants them."

Wendy Haas wills her flute "which hasn't been cleaned in three years to Mr. D'Arcangelis."

Patty O'Leary "I will my science book to the fire department."(In case of fire, throw this in.)

Todd Callies leaves "six alka seltzer tablets for after lunch."

Jane Hysell says "this is for whom it may concern. You may have my bubble gum under the math desk in the row by the window under the 4th desk of Mrs. Dykema's room. I left it there in April 1976 so it should be still good.

Kim Barker leaves"my two triplet sisters to anyone with the highest offer."

Allison Cowie leaves "to Mr. Topp the new seat I just got in science, to Mrs. Dykema Ileave the math book and hope she enjoys reading the notes, and to Tara Moore and Sue Hamilton, Ileave 2nd and third chair in band.

Scott Labadie leaves" my locker to anyone who wants their books still nice at the end of the yaar."

Shawn Shinaberry leaves "my pet giraffe "Red" if I happen to forget it."

Lester Andrasy leaves "nothing because I am a stingy old miser and I didn't get very much to leave."

Dave Matthews says he "leaves his torn up combat boots to anyone who can stand them."

Tracy Rivette leaves "my comic books to Mrs. Phister and Mrs. Chavoya. Ileave all my bubble gum wrappers to Mrs. Kaiser, and all my tests for future reference."

Randy Bradford leaves "the 100 day-old piece of gum stuck on my locker to whoever can get it off. I also leave my old math work book to whoever can put it together."

Stan Koziol leaves " my empty can of anti perspirant to anyone who thinks they can use it."

Frank Stiglich leaves his "broken-down locker to the unlucky person who gets it."

Rhonda Adams leaves her " charm and great personality to anyone who is as modest as me."

Doug Cyrus leaves his "modly towell I used in gym class, the one I never took home for three months, to the 7th graders for I am sure someone would like to be smelling like roses, dead roses, after using my favorite possession."

Dan Lanphear states that "I, being of sound mind (after being in the middle school Idon't know how) bequeath my locker to the poor sole (heel) who gets stuck with it."

Scott Ransler leaves his "chewing gum to Mrs. Howard."

Larry McInnis leaves to Dan Sisko and Mike Ritsema all"my rubber hands so they can snap Frank Whitworth."

Tom Mayne leaves "his locker #260 to the person who can find a truck big enough to haul out all he trash that has been packed in the back."

Rick Shumar wills "to anyone who can kick hard, I leave my locker that won't shut."

Syndy Bessey leaves regretfully, and says "I guess I'll have to leave my short, but quick piano-playing fingers, my famous, never-ending singing voice and my whole collection of bloody Elton John albums to anyone who wants first place in the talent show, next year."

Wills continued...

John Olsen leaves "his school books to the janitor. Maybe he can find some use for them."

Scott Whittington leaves" all my tanks to Mike Rix, I leave my underwear to Dave St. Aubin, I leave my heart to my love, and I leave my cold to Contac."

Rick Gumper leaves all "the rocks in my shoes to Mark S. because he doesn't have any."

Sandy Smith leaves "my month-old folder to anyone who can carry all the pieces at once. In it are all the answers to tests and homework that are wrong."

Joe Donora leaves "my A.C. 'Welcome to my Nightmare' album to Bad Fred so I don't have to loan it to him every week."

Linda Krajewski leaves "nothing to anyone because if there' anything worth giving to anyone,I'll take it with me."

Roy Gosline leaves "all my unfinished homework for someone to finish."

Keith Caldwell leaves "my body to any body whoever wants it."

Steve LaRue says"I leave to Dave St.A., Scott W., and Mark B. my bobber if they can find it now. Also to Mr. Topp, I leave my pet squirrel."

Ingrid Danger leaves "my math book for anyone who can understand why I put the answers there."

Frank Whitworth leaves "my tennis shoes to anyone who can get their feet in and keep them in for five minutes. I also leave my gym lock to anyone who can open it and last but not least I leave my sympathy to the next 8th graders."

Jeff Stevens leaves "my hall-running shoes."

Kevin Cody leaves "my body to Mr. Snyder for research and my clothes to Good Will."

Mark Jacobs leaves "my pair of elevator shoes to Mrs. Baker."

Steve Rasmussen leaves "my white gym shoe to anybody who likes hole, the color black, and has a pair of Johnson's Odor Eaters'on hand."

Jann Forrest leaves "my G.I. Joe with Kung-Fu grip to Mr. Kannegieter so he will have someone to exercise with."

Still MORE wills...

Phyllis Barker leaves "my shop project to anyone who will have it."

Pat Doyle leaves "my outboard that I promised to Kevin Futrell, the one I promised to Jim Breitenbach but I ain't talkin'to him. To Bob White, I leave all my green beans and may they live happily ever after. And last but also least I give Craig Gothard all my pencils because he ripped most of them off anyway."

Kathy Carlson leaves "my old objectives to Mr. Snell, who deserves them most."

Deanne Devantier leaves "my sewing kit to Tara Moore . Hopefully someday she'll use it to sew up the shorts she ripped completely in half in gym."

Katharina Kleinschmidt leaves "all my objectives from Mr. Snell's class to the highest bidder."

Fred Snell leaves to "Steve LaRue my comb. It's worthless anyway because there's no mirror in the boys' locker room."

Mark Sherburn wills "my locker to anyone who can get the ants out, I leave my tests to anyone who wants to study them and flunk, AND besides all that, Ileave Rick Gumper everything else."

Wes Wells leaves his book " "How to Cheat at Math and Get Away with It, to Mrs. Dobbs."

Jill Kowalski leaves "my locker to anyone who can get it open. I leave my wad of gum to Mrs. Phister in memomium of 4th hour English and me. I leave also all my memories of good times to anyone who's not blind and can see the 'light' ."

NATURE'S NEWS

The common mole lives in burrows under the soil surface. His pink nose is pointed and his front feet are white and spade-like. He has velvety grey or pale white fur. His eyes are very small. The males come to surface in March and April at breeding time.

The mole feeds largely on animal matter: grubs, earthworms, larvae, and adult insects. Only because they push up feeding burrows under surface is it possible to detect easily these ridges.

by E.M.

FACULTY FAREWELLS & ADVICE

Some of the teachers had some words to say in parting to the eighth graders.

Mrs. Howard put together the following thoughts.

MEDLEY of THOUGHTS to my 8th GRADE students. (From Various Well-Known Songs from Music Class)

Wherever you go
Wherever you may wander in your life,
Surely you know, I always want to be there,
Holding your hand and standing by to
catch you when you fall,
Seeing you thru in everything you do.
Let me change whatever's wrong and make
it right,
Let me be there.

If I could be two places at one time I'd
be with you
Tomorrow and today beside you all the way.

It's a little bit funny, this feeling in-
side
I'm not one of those who can easily hide,
I know it's not much but it's the best
I can do
My gift is my song and this onéés for you.
And you can tell everybody
This is your song
It may be quite simple but now that it's
done
Ihhope you don't mind, that I put down
in words
How wonderful life is while you're in
this world.
I'll miss you all.
Thanks.

MORE...

The team two teachers said the following in response to the questions what advice would you give the departing 8th graders. They said " First of all, we'll miss their excuses for not having done their homework. Second, regarding advice, any further advice from us would be redundant. You've already been treated to our Delphic wisdom. "

Mrs. Dykema will miss "their sense of humor and good hature."

Mr. D'Arcangelis will miss "all the times we made beautiful music together."

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A TRY AT A TRYING LUNCH

Ring! And they're off! You bolt out of class and race down the hall, tripping over fallen classmates. The crowd moves as one, all toward the same place - the cafeteria. The group dives headlong down the stairs, turning left too sharply.

Then, when you get there, you find the line is a mile long. When you ask the person ahead of you if he/she is charging his/her lunch, you get the answer in a rank. And if they say they are charging, you may get a smash in the face when you try to go in front of them.

Having finally got your food, you find out you lost your money or ticket. Back you go.

You have secured your lunch and hopefull regained your sanity . You sit down and a hundred kids ask if you are sure you want a certain portion of your lunch. Fending them off, you say you at least need a minute to look it over first.

Just as you take the first mouthful, the bell rings. Such is a try at trying to eat lunch.

by M.M. and L.K.

by Dona Westphal

HOME

I love Home.
It's warm and loving.
Your family's there,
Caring and loving you,
Helphig you through
the hard times.
Telling you they
Love you a lot,
Even if hhey
Don't show it
All the time.
That's what Home
Means to Me.
How about you?

CONCERT MAY 26

A concert was given May 26 at 7:30 for the community by the 6th and 7th grade choirs under the direction of Ms. Chamberlin and Mrs. Howard, and by the bands, 6th 7th, and 8th grade, under the direction of Mr. D'Arcangelis and Mr. Hone.

Art students, working with Ms. Lundquist and Mrs. Smith, displayed their work along the halls.

WHAT THE FACULTY WILL MISS- continued

Ms. Ruggles will miss " the eighth grade yearbook and newspaper staffers. It has been a pleasure working with you all. I will especially miss those who began working with the paper as seventh graders. They have been influential in helping the paper take shape and form. To those in my classes, I'll miss the daily contact and conversations through the journals. And, I just know there will be times when , as summer drags on, you'll miss Warriner's grammar book and all the Greek gods and goddesses you have come to know so intimately, right?!"

THE GOOD TIMERS for this issue have been:

Doug Nagy- Editor
Darrin Nagy- photographer
News reporters - Linda Krajewski, Denise Albar, Flop Barker, Steve Makowski, Kevin Futrell, Bob Barnes, Mike Marcelletti, Judy Hysell, Russ Hoffmann, Lias Taylor, Glenn Starks, Kyle Caldwell, Rich Carlson, Shawn Thompson, Ed McKee, Jenny Nondorf, Judy Nondorf, Darrell Sager, Lance Bilger, Mike Beebe, Carl Erickson, Sheila Burns,

Special thanks to Mr. Pefley from all the staff of both the newspaper and the yearbook for all his help with photography and with the business angle on the yearbook. It never would have been the same without you.

And to all our patrons, thanks for your support. We'll see you in fall.

TAURUS- APRIL 22-MAY 21

The Taurean was born between April 22- and May 21. The advantages of being a Taurus, according to the Taurus who wrote this entry, are the following. You have stability of mind and character. You are patient with a solid acceptance of prevailing status without resenting what you cannot change. You show kindness toward those clase to you, but have little tolerance for those who have unusual ways. Taureans are also conservative. They are known to be stubborn at times. The Bull is the sign of Taurus. Taureans get along well with Scorpio, Pisces, and Capricorn. Taurus is an earth sign.

Answer to Washington question- None, there are two l's and only one a in all.

GEMINI-MAY 22-June 21

Geminis are born between the 22nd of May and the 21st of June. The sign Gemini means the "twins". They are said to be flighty at times and changeable. They love a good argument, but willingly and quickly they may take the other side. They are restless. Gemini is known for taking off on the spur of the moment to go anywhere. They are intellectuals, but may tend to dabble in many areas rather than master a field. They tend to attract Libras, Leos, Aries, and Aquarians.

CANCER - June 22-July 21

Cancers are born between the dates June 22 and July 21. They are the mothers of the astrological signs. They give sympathy to any assorted stranger, or friend. They have great imaginations and can be very emotional at times because they can imagine so clearly just how each person feels. They also tend to be hurt more easily by things others may not even notice. (Don't forget their birthdays.) They may be highly protective of whatever is in their care at the moment; thus, they are the protective mothers, or fathers. They are attracted to Scorpio, Pisces, Virgo and Capricorn.

Leo - July 22 - August 22

Leos are born between the dates July 22- and August 22. Everything about this group's members tends toward bigness, like the majesti lion that is its symbol. They enjoy being in the spotlight and are natural leaders in a group. They can be very warm and friendly and live life to the fullest. They are noted for their generosity, but they are not inclined to act behind the scenes. They want attention for what they do. They are also dramatically-oriented and may become actors. They tend to be interested in other Leos, Aries, Sagittarians, and Librans.

If any of the above signs belongs to you, have a happy summer birthday.

JOKES & SUCH

(Ha Ha Ho Ho He He etc....)

Question: What's the formula for water?
Answer: H, I, J, K,L,M,N,O.
Question: How can that be? That isn't what I told you.
Reply: Yes, it is. You said it was H to O.

Question: If Washington's wife went to Washington while Washington's washer washed his Woolies, how many w's in all?